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PREFACE

The need for a booklet in catechetical form for use with children under twelve years of age has been felt and repeatedly expressed. The renewed emphasis placed upon the religious education and careful indoctrination of childhood has made the supplying of this need the more urgent.

The General Conference, at its session in Detroit, Michigan, 1922, authorized the issuance of such a booklet and charged the Board of Sunday Schools and Board of Control of the Evangelical League of Christian Endeavor with its preparation and publication. Dr. Christian Staebler and a committee of three, Revs. E. W. Praetorius, W. C. Hallwachs and A. E. Hangen, were requested to prepare the booklet and to submit the same to the Board of Bishops for approval. "The Junior Catechism" is the result of their labors.

In preparing this catechism, the committee sought to use language a child would understand, and to make each answer a complete statement and not dependent upon the question for any part of its meaning. The aim has been to cover the whole range of essential doctrine, to lead children to a personal vital experience of salvation, and to enforce the duties of daily Christian conduct.

With few exceptions, the Scripture passages cited in support of the teachings of this catechism are not quoted, the references only being given. This plan

was adopted mainly for two reasons: First, to encourage the handling and use of the Bible in the study of its doctrines as given in this booklet, so that these may be seen to be a part of the Bible, and, Second, to allow each group to use that version of the Bible which it deems most advisable. The committee recommends the use of the American Standard Version of the Bible.

The answers to the questions and the Bible passages referred to in **black face type** are to be committed to memory by the pupil. The references printed in light face type are for the use of the teacher, but the children should be encouraged to read them.

Much remains to be done by the teacher. The teacher should give a detailed explanation of each subject. Words should be defined so that their intended meaning may be conveyed. The teacher will be helped by the perusal of the larger catechism of the Church and by consulting approved systematic theologies. Binney's Theological Compend will be found useful.

This booklet is sent forth with the prayer that it may become useful in the indoctrination of the childhood of our Church.

THE COMMITTEE.

EPISCOPAL APPROVAL

The Junior Catechism now presented to the people, having been reviewed and approved by the Board of Bishops of the Evangelical Church, is hereby commended as a safe guide to a sound indoctrination in the faith and practice of Evangelical Christian life.

The brevity, obtaining in its preparation, enhances the privilege and joy of teacher and pupil as they "Search the Scriptures," confirming the truth of the topics presented, and leads to deeper study of Biblical Salvation from sin.

In the Name of the Church we represent, and of the lovers of Christ in every land, we recommend the Junior Catechism for large use in families, in classes, in Sunday Schools, in Junior Evangelical Leagues, or wherever catechetical instruction may prove effective in leading childhood into a soul-saving, life-ennobling knowledge of the Truth.

Board of Bishops, Evangelical Church,

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GOD

1. Who is God?

God is our heavenly Father, the Creator of all things, the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

Malachi 2: 10.

Ecclesiastes 12: 1; Acts 4: 24; 1 Corinthians 8: 6; James 1: 17.

2. What is God?

God is a Spirit—John 4: 24.

3. Did God have a beginning?

God had no beginning. He always was and He always will be.

Psalm 90: 2.

Isaiah 44: 6; Revelation 1: 8; Exodus 3: 14.

4. Where is God?

God is everywhere and near us all the time.

Jeremiah 23: 24.

Acts 17: 27, 28; Psalm 139: 7-10.

5. Can we see God?

We can not see God with the eyes of our body,
but we can see Him with the eyes of our
heart.

Matthew 5: 8.

Ephesians 1: 18, R. V.

6. Does God see us?

God sees us and watches over us.

Genesis 16: 13.

Luke 12: 6, 7; Proverbs 15: 3.

7. Does God know all things

God knows all things, even our thoughts.

Psalm 139: 2.

1 John 3: 20.

8. Can God do all things?

God can do all things, He wills to do.

Mark 10: 27 l. c.

Genesis 18: 14; Jeremiah 32: 27; Daniel
4: 35.

9. Is God good?

God is holy, just and good.

Exodus 34: 6.

Psalm 99: 5, 9; 1 John 1: 5; Mark 10: 18.

10. Does God love us?

God loves everybody, because "God is love."

1 John 4: 16.

Romans 5: 8; Jeremiah 31: 3; 1 John 4: 17.

11. Is there only one God?

There is only one true and living God.

John 17: 3.

Deuteronomy 6: 4; 1 Kings 8: 60; 1 Corinthians 8: 5, 6.

12. How many persons are there in God?

In God there are three Persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

John 14: 26.

Matthew 28: 19; 2 Corinthians 13: 14; Philippians 2: 6.

CREATION

1. Who made the heavens and the earth?

God made the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1: 1.

Isaiah 42: 5; 45: 18; Acts 14: 15; Revelation 4: 11.

2. How did God make the heavens and the earth?

God made the heavens and the earth by the word of His power.

Psalms 33: 6, 9.

Psalms 148: 1-5; Hebrews 11: 3; Isaiah 40: 26.

3. Who takes care of the heavens and the earth?

God takes care of the heavens and the earth.

Psalms 103: 19.

Psalms 104; Matthew 6: 30.

4. Who gives food to all living things?

God gives food to all living things.

Psalms 145: 15, 16.

Psalms 104: 27, 28; Matthew 6: 26.

MAN

1. Who made man?

God made man.

Genesis 1: 26.

2. Who were the first man and the first woman God made?

Adam and Eve were the first man and the first woman God made.

1 Timothy 2: 13.

Genesis 3: 20.

3. In whose image and likeness did God make Adam and Eve?

God made Adam and Eve in His own image and after His own likeness.

Genesis 1: 27.

Genesis 5: 1; 9: 6; Ephesians 4: 24; Colossians 3: 10.

4. Were Adam and Eve good and upright when God made them?

Adam and Eve were good and upright when God made them.

Genesis 1: 31.

Ecclesiastes 7: 29.

5. Where did God place Adam and Eve?

God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

Genesis 2: 8.

6. What were Adam and Eve to do in the garden?

Adam and Eve were to take care of the garden,
and to enjoy its fruits.

Genesis 2: 15, 16.

7. What were Adam and Eve forbidden to do?

Adam and Eve were forbidden to eat of the tree
of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2: 17.

Genesis 3: 2, 11.

8. Did Adam and Eve obey God?

Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sinned against
Him by eating of the forbidden fruit.

Genesis 3: 6.

Genesis 3: 12, 13.

9. What is sin?

Not to believe God, and to disobey God is sin

1 John 3: 4.

Romans 14: 23; James 4: 17.

10. What befell Adam and Eve because they disobeyed God?

Because Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they had to leave the beautiful garden and had to go out where there were thorns and trouble, sorrow and death.

Genesis 3: 23, 24.

Genesis 3: 16-19.

11. What evil has come upon all because Adam and Eve disobeyed God?

Because Adam and Eve disobeyed God, sin entered the world and death through sin.

Romans 5: 12, R. V.

Romans 5: 18; 6: 23; 1 Corinthians 15: 22.

12. Who only can save us from sin and its evils?

God only can save us from sin and its evils.

Acts 4: 12.

Romans 7: 18-25; John 8: 34.

JESUS CHRIST

1. What did God do to save us from sin and its evils?

“God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.”
John 3: 16.

Romans 5: 8; 1 John 4: 10.

2. In what form did God send His Son?

God sent His Son, on Christmas Day, in the form of a babe.

Luke 2: 11, 12.

Galatians 4: 4; Isaiah 9: 6; Philippians 2: 7, 8.

3. Where was this Babe born?

He was born in Bethlehem of Judea.

Matthew 2: 1.

Micah 5: 2; Luke 2: 11.

4. What did they name this wonderful Babe?

They named Him, “Jesus.”

Matthew 1: 21.

Matthew 1: 25.

5. What does the name “Jesus” mean?

The name “Jesus” means Savior.

Matthew 1: 21.

Luke 2: 11; Acts 13: 23.

6. From what does Jesus save us?

Jesus saves us from our sins.

Matthew 1: 21.

7. Who came to see the Babe Jesus?

Shepherds from Judea and wise men from the East came to see the Babe Jesus.

Luke 2: 15, 16.

Matthew 2: 1, 2.

8. Where was the Babe Jesus first taken?

The Babe Jesus was first taken to the Temple in Jerusalem and there was dedicated to God.

Luke 2: 22.

9. Why was the young Child Jesus taken to Egypt?

The young Child Jesus was taken to Egypt because King Herod was seeking to kill Him.

Matthew 2: 13, 14.

10. Where did Jesus live after King Herod died?

Jesus lived in Nazareth of Galilee.

Matthew 2: 23.

Luke 2: 39.

11. Where was Jesus taken when He was twelve years old?

When Jesus was twelve years old He was taken to the Feast at Jerusalem.

Luke 2: 42.

12. **When His parents missed Him on their way home from the feast, where did they find the boy Jesus?**

They turned back to Jerusalem, and after three days found the boy Jesus in the Temple with the teachers.

Luke 2: 45, 46.

13. **What is told about the boyhood of Jesus?**

Jesus obeyed His parents and grew "in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men."

Luke 2: 51, 52.

14. **Did Jesus ever sin?**

Jesus never sinned, but always did that which pleased His Heavenly Father.

1 Peter 2: 22.

John 8: 29, 46; 2 Corinthians 5: 21; Hebrews 4: 15; 7: 26; 1 John 3: 5.

15. **How old was Jesus when He began to preach?**

Jesus was about thirty years old when He began to preach.

Luke 3: 23.

16. **What did Jesus do just before He began to preach?**

Jesus went to the river Jordan where John was baptizing and was baptized of him.

Mark 1: 9.

Matthew 3: 13-15; Luke 3: 21.

17. What took place when Jesus was baptized?

When Jesus was baptized the heavens opened and the Spirit of God came upon Him like a dove, and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 3: 16, 17.

Luke 3: 21, 22.

18. Where did the Spirit of God lead Jesus after He was baptized?

The Spirit of God led Jesus into the wilderness, where He did not eat for forty days and where He was severely tempted.

Mark 1: 12, 13.

Matthew 4: 1-11; Luke 4: 1-13; Hebrews 2: 18; 4: 15.

19. How did Jesus overcome these temptations?

Jesus overcame these temptations by using and obeying the Word of God.

Matthew 4: 4, 7, 10.

20. What did Jesus do after the temptation?

After the temptation, Jesus began to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

Luke 4: 14, 15.

Mark 1: 14, 15; Matthew 4: 23.

21. What does the word "Gospel" mean?

The word "Gospel" means good news, or, good tidings of great joy.

Luke 2: 10.

22. What do the words "Kingdom of God" mean?

The words "Kingdom of God" mean the Jesus way of living.

Romans 14: 17, 18.

John 8: 12; 14: 6; Luke 17: 20, 21.

23. What did Jesus say about little children?

Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not; for to such belongeth the Kingdom of God." Mark 10: 14.

24. What great works did Jesus do?

Jesus healed the sick, caused the lame to walk, the blind to see, the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak; He cleansed the lepers, cast out demons and raised the dead.

Matthew 11: 4, 5.

25. What greater works did Jesus do?

Jesus forgave sinners, cleansed their hearts, freed them from sin and made them children of God.

Mark 2: 5.

Luke 4: 18, 19; John 1: 12; 8: 36.

26. What were the twelve men called whom Jesus chose to be His helpers?

The twelve men whom Jesus chose to be his helpers were called apostles.

Luke 6: 13.

27. What were the names of the twelve apostles?

“Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: the first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphæus, and Thaddæus; Simon the Cananæan, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.” Matthew 10: 2-4.

28. How many years did Jesus preach?

Jesus preached about three years.

29. How did Jesus die?

Jesus died on the cross.

Luke 23: 33.

Matthew 16: 21.

30. Where was Jesus crucified?

Jesus was crucified outside of Jerusalem at a place called Golgotha.

John 19: 17, 18, 20.

Matthew 27: 33-35; Mark 15: 14.

31. Why did Jesus die?

Jesus died for our sins, according to the Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15: 3.

Galatians 1: 4; 1 Peter 2: 24.

32. Who buried the body of Jesus?

Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, rulers among the Jews, buried the body of Jesus in Joseph's new tomb.

John 19: 38-42.

Matthew 27: 57-60.

33. When did Jesus arise from the dead?

Jesus arose from the dead on Easter Sunday morning.

1 Corinthians 15: 4.

Matthew 28: 1-10.

34. After Jesus had remained forty days on earth where did He go?

After forty days Jesus ascended into heaven.

Acts 1: 3, 9.

Luke 24: 50, 51.

35. What commandment did Jesus give to His disciples just before He went to heaven?

Jesus said, "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth; go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28: 18-20.

36. Where is Jesus now?

Jesus is now at the right hand of God the Father,
and by His Spirit is also in the hearts of
those who obey Him.

Mark 16: 19; John 14: 23.

Luke 22: 69; Acts 7: 55, 56; Romans 8: 34;
Ephesians 3: 16, 17; Colossians 3: 1; He-
brews 1: 3; 8: 1; 10: 12, 13; 1 Peter 3: 22;
Revelation 3: 20.

37. Will Jesus come again?

Jesus will come again, at the last day, to judge the
living and the dead.

Matthew 16: 27.

Acts 1: 11; 10: 42; 2 Timothy 4: 1.

38. What will Jesus say to the good at the judgment?

“Then shall the King say to them on his right
hand: Come, ye blessed of my Father, in-
herit the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world.” Matthew 25: 34.

**39. What will Jesus say to the wicked at the judg-
ment?**

“Then shall he also say unto them on the left
hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into the
eternal fire, which is prepared for the devil
and his angels.” Matthew 25: 41.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Before Jesus went to heaven, whom did He promise to send?

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit.

John 16: 7.

John 14: 26; John 15: 26.

2. Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the Comforter, the Helper, the Guide into all the truth.

John 15: 26.

John 14: 16, 17, 26; 16: 13.

3. When did the Holy Spirit come as Jesus had promised?

The Holy Spirit came on Pentecost Day, ten days after Jesus had gone to heaven.

Acts 2: 1-4, 33.

4. To whom did Jesus send the Holy Spirit?

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to all His disciples.

Acts 2: 4.

John 14: 16, 17; Acts 2: 38, 39.

5. Why did Jesus send the Holy Spirit?

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help His disciples to be strong and good, and to help them to preach the Gospel.

Acts 1: 8.

John 14: 26; 15: 26; 16: 13, 14.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

1. How do we become Christians?

We become Christians when we obey God, repent of our sins and trust in Jesus as our Saviour.

Acts 16: 30, 31.

Acts 3: 19; 5: 31; 20: 21.

2. How do we obey God?

We obey God when we do what God says.

1 Samuel 3: 10.

1 John 2: 3, 4.

3. How do we repent of our sins?

We repent of our sins when we are sorry for our sins and give them up and ask God to forgive us.

Isaiah 55: 7.

Isaiah 1: 16, 19; 1 John 1: 9.

4. How do we trust in Jesus as our Saviour?

We trust in Jesus as our Saviour, when we believe that He does forgive us our sins.

1 John 1: 9.

1 John 5: 14, 15.

5. What does God do for us when we obey Him, repent of our sins and trust in Jesus as our Saviour?

When we obey God, repent of our sins and trust in Jesus as our Saviour, God gives us a new heart, so that we may love Him and gladly do what He says.

Ezekiel 36: 26.

Hebrews 8: 10; Romans 5: 5.

6. How can we live and grow as Christians?

We live and grow as Christians as we use the means of grace and fulfil our duties to God and man.

2 Peter 3: 18.

MEANS OF GRACE

1. What are some of the Means of Grace which we must use to help us to live and to grow as Christians?

The Word of God, Prayer, the Church and the Sacraments are Means of Grace, which we must use to help us to live and to grow as Christians.

2. What is the Word of God?

The Bible is the Word of God.

1 Thessalonians 2: 13.

2 Timothy 3: 15, 16.

3. Through whom did God give us the Bible?

God gave us the Bible through holy men, whom He taught by His Spirit.

2 Peter 1: 21.

4. Why did God give us the Bible?

God gave us the Bible so that we may know Him and what He wants us to be and to do.

2 Timothy 3: 15-17.

5. What should we do with the Bible?

We should read the Bible every day and do what it says.

Psalm 119: 9-11.

6. What is Prayer?

Prayer is talking with God.

1 Samuel 1: 12, 13.

7. In whose name should we pray?

We should pray in the Name of Jesus.

John 14: 14.

John 16: 23, 24.

8. For whom should we pray?

We should pray for everybody, even for our enemies.

1 Timothy 2: 1.

Matthew 5: 44, 45.

9. After what manner did Jesus say we should pray?

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. Matthew 6: 9-13, A. V.

10. Who founded the Church?

Jesus founded the Church.

Matthew 16: 18.

Ephesians 2: 19-22.

11. Who should belong to the Church?

Every Christian should belong to the Church.

Acts 2: 47 l. c.

Romans 12: 5; Acts 10: 35; 1 Corinthians
12: 4-27.

12. What is the Church to do?

The Church is to help us to be strong and good,
to witness for Christ and to carry on His
work in saving the world.

Matthew 28: 19.

Acts 1: 8; 13: 47; Isaiah 49: 6; Ephesians
4: 11-16.

13. How many Sacraments are there?

There are two Sacraments: Baptism and the
Lord's Supper.

14. Why should we keep these two Sacraments?

We should keep these two Sacraments because
Jesus gave them to us and said that we should
keep them.

Matthew 28: 19.

Luke 22: 19, 20.

15. Who should be baptized?

Little children should be baptized and all who become Christians.

Acts 2: 39.

Mark 10: 13-16; Mark 16: 16; Acts 8: 36-38.

16. Who should take part in the Lord's Supper?

All Christians should take part in the Lord's Supper.

Luke 22: 19.

DUTIES TO GOD AND MAN

1. What is the First Commandment?

The First Commandment is: "I am Jehovah, thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Exodus 20: 2, 3.

2. What does this Commandment teach?

The First Commandment teaches that we should worship God only.

3. What is the Second Commandment?

The Second Commandment is: "Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, nor any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them; for I Jehovah thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate me, and showing lovingkindness unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments." Exodus 20: 4-6.

4. What does the Second Commandment teach?

The Second Commandment teaches that we should worship God in a proper manner.

5. What is the Third Commandment?

The Third Commandment is: "Thou shalt not take the name of Jehovah thy God in vain; for Jehovah will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." Exodus 20: 7.

6. What does the Third Commandment teach?

The Third Commandment teaches us that we should reverence God's Name, God's Word and His works.

7. What is the Fourth Commandment?

The Fourth Commandment is: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is a sabbath unto Jehovah thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days Jehovah made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and resteth the seventh day: wherefore Jehovah blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." Exodus 20: 8-11.

8. What does the Fourth Commandment teach?

The Fourth Commandment teaches that we should work six days of the week and that we should keep the Sabbath day holy.

9. How is the Sabbath Day kept holy?

The Sabbath Day is kept holy by prayer and praise, by reading and hearing God's Word, and in doing good.

Matthew 12: 12 1. c.

Mark 2: 23—3: 1-5.

10. What is the Fifth Commandment?

The Fifth Commandment is: "Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land that Jehovah thy God giveth thee." Exodus 20: 12.

11. What does the Fifth Commandment teach?

The Fifth Commandment teaches us to love, honor and obey our parents and guardians.

12. What is the Sixth Commandment?

The Sixth Commandment is: "Thou shalt not kill." Exodus 20: 13.

13. What does the Sixth Commandment teach?

The Sixth Commandment teaches that we should take care of our own lives and the lives of others.

14. What is the Seventh Commandment?

The Seventh Commandment is: "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Exodus 20: 14.

15. What does the Seventh Commandment teach?

The Seventh Commandment teaches that we should be pure in thought, word and deed.

16. What is the Eighth Commandment?

The Eighth Commandment is: "Thou shalt not steal." Exodus 20: 15.

17. What does the Eighth Commandment teach?

The Eighth Commandment teaches that we should not take anything that does not belong to us.

18. What is the Ninth Commandment?

The Ninth Commandment is: "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." Exodus 20: 16.

19. What does the Ninth Commandment teach?

The Ninth Commandment teaches that we should not lie, but be truthful.

20. What is the Tenth Commandment?

The Tenth Commandment is: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's." Exodus 20: 17.

21. What does the Tenth Commandment teach?

The Tenth Commandment teaches us to be satisfied with what we have and not to want what belongs to someone else.

22. What Commandments of Christ include all these duties?

The following Commandments of Christ include all these duties:

“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second like unto it is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments the whole law hangeth, and the prophets.” Matthew 22: 37-40.

23. What Commandment of Jesus do we call the Golden Rule?

We call the following Commandment of Jesus the Golden Rule: “All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them: for this is the law and the prophets.” Matthew 7: 12.

24. What new Commandment did Jesus give to his disciples?

Jesus gave the following new Commandment to his disciples: “A new Commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.” John 13: 34.

BENEDICTION

Now the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an eternal covenant, even our Lord Jesus, make you perfect in every good thing to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

APPENDIX

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy general Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

(Old Testament)

LAW	HISTORY	POETRY	PROPHECY
Genesis	Joshua	Job	Isaiah
Exodus	Judges	Psalms	Jeremiah
Leviticus	Ruth	Proverbs	Lamentations
Numbers	I Samuel	Ecclesiastes	Ezekiel
Deuteronomy	II Samuel	Song of Solomon	Daniel
	I Kings		Hosea
	II Kings		Joel
	I Chronicles		Amos
	II Chronicles		Obadiah
	Ezra		Jonah
	Nehemiah		Micah
	Esther		Nahum
			Habakkuk
			Zephaniah
			Haggai
			Zechariah
			Malachi

(New Testament)

HISTORY	LETTERS	PROPHECY
Matthew	Romans	Revelation
Mark	I Corinthians	
Luke	II Corinthians	
John	Galatians	
Acts	Ephesians	
	Philippians	
	Colossians	
	I Thessalonians	
	II Thessalonians	
	I Timothy	
	II Timothy	
	James	
	I Peter	
	II Peter	
	I John	
	II John	
	III John	
	Jude	

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE IN VERSE

The Old Testament

Genesis tells the world was made by God's creative hand;
Exodus how the Hebrews marched to gain the Promised Land.
Leviticus contains the law, holy and just and good;
Numbers records the tribes enrolled, all sons of Abraham's blood.
Moses, in *Deuteronomy*, recounts God's mighty deeds;
Brave *Joshua*, in Canaan's land, the host of Israel leads.
In *Judges* their rebellion oft provokes the Lord to smite;
But *Ruth* records the faith of one, well pleasing in His sight.
In First and Second *Samuel*, of Jesse's son we read;
Ten tribes in First and Second *Kings* revolted from his seed.
The First and Second *Chronicles* see Judah captive led;
But *Ezra* leads a remnant back by princely Cyrus' aid.
The walls around Jerusalem, *Nehemiah* builds again;
Whilst *Esther* saves the Israelites from plots of wicked men.
In *Job* we read how faith will live beneath affliction's rod;
And David's *Psalms* are precious songs to every child of God.
The *Proverbs* like a goodly string of choicest pearls appear;
Ecclesiastes teaches man how vain are all thing here.
The mystic *Song of Solomon* exalts sweet Sharon's Rose;
Whilst Christ, the Saviour and the King, the rapt *Isaiah* shows.
The mourning *Jeremiah* apostate Israel scorns;
His plaintive *Lamentations* their awful downfall mourns.
Ezekiel tells in wondrous words of dazzling mysteries;
Whilst kings and empires yet to come, *Daniel* in vision sees.
Of judgment and of mercy *Hosea* loves to tell;
And *Joel* describes the blessed day when God with man shall dwell.
Among Tekoa's herdsmen *Amos* received his call;
While *Obadiah* prophesies of Edom's final fall.

Jonah displays a wondrous type of Christ, our risen Lord;
Micah pronounces Judah lost—lost, but again restored.
Nahum tells on Nineveh just judgment shall be pour'd.
A view of Chaldea's coming doom *Habakkuk's* visions give;
Next *Zephaniah* warns the Jews to turn, repent and live.
Haggai wrote to those who saw the Temple built again;
And *Zechariah* prophesied of Christ's triumphant reign.
Malachi was the last who touched the high prophetic chord;
The final notes sublimely show the coming of the Lord.

The New Testament

Matthew, Mark, Luke and *John* the holy Gospels wrote,
Describing how the Saviour died, His life, and all He taught.
Acts prove how God the Apostles own'd with signs in every place;
St. Paul in *Romans* teaches us how men are saved by grace.
The Apostle in *Corinthians* instructs, exhorts, reproves;
Galatians shows that faith in Christ alone the Father loves.
Ephesians and *Philippians* what Christians ought to be;
Colossians bids us live to God, and for eternity.
In *Thessalonians* we are taught the Lord will come from heaven;
In *Timothy* and *Titus*, too, a bishop's rule is given.
Philemon marks a Christian's love, which only Christians know;
Hebrews reveals the Gospel, prefigured by the law.
James teaches without works faith is both vain and dead;
And *Peter* points the narrow way in which the saints are led.
John, in his Three Epistles, on love delights to dwell;
And *Jude* us awful warning gives of judgment, wrath and hell.
The *Revelation* prophesies of that tremendous day,
When Christ, and Christ alone, shall be the trembling sinner's stay.

THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are they which have been persecuted for righteousness' sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye when men shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets that were before you.—Matthew 5: 3-12.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IN VERSE

1. Thou shalt have no gods but me,
2. Before no idol bend the knee.
3. Take not the name of God in vain,
4. Nor dare the Sabbath to profane.
5. Give both thy parents honor due,
6. Take heed that thou no murder do.
7. Abstain from words and deeds unclean,
8. Nor steal, though thou art poor and mean,
9. Nor make a wilful lie nor love it.
10. What is thy neighbor's do not covet.

PRAYERS

Morning Prayers

I.

“Father, we thank thee for the light
Thou sendest us by day.
For moon and stars that shine at night,
Thou sendest, too, their ray.

Father, we thank thee for our homes,
And all the blessings there,
O may we grow more like to thee
In tender love and care. Amen.”

II.

“Father, we thank thee for the night,
And for the pleasant morning light;
For rest and food and loving care,
And all that makes the day so fair.

Help us to do the things we should,
To be to others kind and good;
In all we do in work or play,
To grow more loving every day. Amen.”

III.

“Father, lead me, day by day,
Ever in thy own sweet way.
Teach me to be pure and true,
Show me what I ought to do. Amen.”

IV.

“Now I wake and see the light,
O God, who kept me through the night,
To thee I raise my voice and pray
That thou wilt keep me safe today. Amen.”

V.

“Father, help me through this day,
In all I think or do or say,
To be like Jesus, pure and mild,
Thy loving and obedient child. Amen.”

VI.

“Be with me, Lord, as here I pray,
And keep me by thy side today.
Please make me gentle, pure and true,
And kind in all I say and do,
Honest in every word and deed,
And quick to help when others need. Amen.”

Evening Prayers

I.

“Be near me, my Father; I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and help me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit me for heaven to live with thee there. Amen.”

II.

“As darkness falls on land and sea,
I come, dear Jesus Christ, to thee,
And pray that thou wilt guard this night
Thy little child, till morning light.
Bless all the poor and sick and sad,
And make the happy still more glad. Amen.”

III.

“Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray thee, Lord, my soul to keep.
If I should die before I wake,
I pray thee, Lord, my soul to take.
And this I ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.”

Table Prayers

I.

“Lord Jesus, be our holy Guest,
Our morning Joy, our evening Rest;
And with our daily bread impart
Thy love and peace to every heart. Amen.”

II.

“Dear Father, we thank thee
For giving our food;
Please bless it and help us
Each one to be good. Amen.”

III.

“God is great and God is good,
And we thank Him for our food;
By His hand must all be fed—
Give us, Lord, our daily bread. Amen.”

IV.

“We thank thee, Lord, for this our food,
For life and health and every good,
Make us remember others' need,
And so, through us, the hungry feed. Amen.”

V.

“Dear Father, bless the food we take,
And bless us all for Jesus' sake. Amen.”

The Lord's Prayer

“Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

The Lord's Prayer in Verse

(Tune: O Come, All Ye Faithful)

“Our Father in heaven,
We hallow thy name;
May thy kingdom holy
On earth be the same.
O give to us daily
Our portion of bread,
It is from thy bounty
That all must be fed.

Forgive our transgressions
And teach us to know
That humble compassion
Which pardons each foe.
Keep us from temptation,
From weakness and sin,
And thine be the glory,
Forever, Amen.”

SONGS TO BE MEMORIZED

Saviour, Teach Me Day by Day.
Now the Day is Over.
Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us.
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.
Jesus, Lover of My Soul.
Sun of My Soul.
Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun.
O God, Our Help in Ages Past.
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.
Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee.
Softly Now the Light of Day.
The King of Love My Shepherd Is.
The Church's One Foundation.
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord.
Beneath the Cross of Jesus.
O Jesus, Thou Art Standing.
My Jesus, as Thou Wilt.
I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old,
Jesus Loves Me.
Holy Bible, Book Divine.
Faith of Our Fathers.
Day is Dying in the West.
Break Thou the Bread of Life.
Fling Out the Banner.
Jesus, and Shall It Ever Be.
Jesus Calls Us.
Jesus Shall Reign.
O Beautiful for Spacious Skies.
More Love to Thee, O Christ.
O Jesus, I Have Promised.
Fairest Lord Jesus.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES TO BE MEMORIZED

Psalms	Isaiah	Acts
1	6	10: 34-43
8	9: 1-7, R. V.	17: 22-31
15	11: 1-10	
19	12	Romans
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24	55	12
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139	Mark	4: 4-8
	8: 34-37	
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	Luke	
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3: 1-6	11: 1-13	
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		3: 1-3
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